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The librarians of Indiana, like the members and staff of the Commission, must have felt more than the conventionally expressed regret at the resignation of Miss E. Ora Williams from the Commission staff, for in her few years with the Commission Miss Williams had not only given valuable service to many librarians, but had made them her appreciative friends. Accordingly, the good wishes which they extend to her as Mrs. Green are like their regrets, more than conventional.

One of the most valuable suggestions offered at the State meeting in November, was the one made by Mrs. A. D. Moffett that the Occurrent be sent to all trustees of the state. The Commission with this issue will make this experiment, believing that a more active interest in the general problems of library administration will help many trustees to take a

broader view of their responsibilities than familiarity merely with their local conditions gives them. In future issues, accordingly, the Occurrent hopes to devote space to questions particularly interesting to library trustees. To make this Trustees' Section as helpful as possible, the Occurrent invites suggestions and questions from the trustees. The printing and mailing of these additional copies of the Occurrent—there are about twelve hundred trustees in Indiana—adds considerably to the cost of an issue, but the Commission believes that the increase in the usefulness of its publication will warrant this additional expense. It, accordingly, appeals to every library trustee in Indiana to read the Occurrent, and to make any suggestions that he may feel would help other trustees.

Owing to the number and length of the reports printed in this number of the Occurrent, it has been necessary to omit the Personals and the News of Indiana Libraries. These features, always interesting, will be resumed in the April issue.

SUMMER SCHOOL.

The annual summer school course offered by the Public Library Commission will be held this next summer at Butler College, Indianapolis, from June 14 to July 24, in connection with the regular summer school of the College. The College Residence, the women's dormitory, will be turned over to the Commission for the use of the Library School students. This dormitory has all modern conveniences, including care of the rooms.

The College library will also be at the disposal of the school. The advantages of having the school at Indianapolis will be many. The Indianapolis Public Library with its several branches, the State Library, the Bureau of Legislative Reference, the excellent small libraries in easy distance of Indianapolis, and the Commission office, will give the students opportunity to see almost all kinds of public library work in operation. Stewart's bookstore, if one prophesies from the usual courtesy of the management, will be of great help in the problems of book selection.

The situation of Butler College is well suited to summer work. The College is on the extreme edge of the city in all the openness of the country. The many trees in the College grounds and in the suburbs of Irvington surrounded by open fields, offer all the advantages of a country town.

From all indications, the attendance will be large. The printed announcements will not be issued for a few weeks, but applications for admission may be made to the Commission at any time.

SECRETARIES AND NEW LIBRARIES DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The Committee on District Meetings has made the following appointments for secretaries for the year 1914-15.

(See Library Occurrent 2: 155, September, 1910)

(See Library Occurrent 3: 6, March 1913)

(See Library Occurrent 3: 157, December, 1913)

(See I. L. A. Handbook, p. 30.)

District A.

Secretary, Miss Louise Randall, librarian,
public library, Whiting.

New libraries: Culver, Porter, Westville.

Transferred from District C: Plymouth.

District B.

Secretary, Miss Olive Brumbaugh, librarian,
public library, Frankfort.

New libraries: Darlington, Oxford, West Lebanon.

District C.

Secretary, Miss Effie Roberts, librarian, public library, Wabash.

New libraries: Idaville, Roann, Royal Center, Walton.

District D.

Secretary, Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, librarian,
Eckhart public library, Auburn.

District E.

Secretary, Miss Lulu M. Miesse, librarian,
public library, Noblesville.

New library: Kirklin.

District F.

Secretary, Miss Mary A. Sleeth, librarian,
public library, Rushville.

New library: Dunkirk.

District G.

Secretary, Miss Emma Boyd, librarian, public library, Clinton.

New libraries: Carlisle, Markle, Waveland.

District H.

Secretary, Miss Jessie Lee Wilson, librarian,
public library, Salem.

New library: Sunman.

District I.

Secretary, Miss Julia A. Mason, librarian,
public library, Princeton.

Suggestions for District Meetings.

In considering the suggestive program for district meetings for the coming year, the committee has been fully conscious that the outlines suggested by the two preceding committees and printed in the Occurrent, have covered almost completely the profitable topics for discussion. It has been a noticeable fact in the district meetings, however, that the buying of books and the circulation of books have been the most popular topics of discussion. The committee accordingly feels that, although it has no absolutely new topics to suggest, it may profitably call attention to certain subjects already before the districts and by outlining more minutely these subjects, furnish for consideration a view point which may be even new and which will at least have a timely bearing on the activities now opening up for even the smallest libraries of the state.

The committee also feels that these suggested problems in administration are ones to which nearly every one of the districts can well give its attention. Library extension, both within the town and into the country, has come to be considered one of the most essential activities of a good library, and although many libraries in Indiana are far behind in this work, there is no question that such extension, not only has become a legitimate and even necessary library activity, but will continue to be developed still more rapidly. District meetings have often discussed methods of extension and these discussions

may be continued with profit, but in carrying to execution these methods, librarians have to solve some very real practical problems of administration.

Two outlines are here printed that offer topics for discussion.

The Assembly Room: its use.

1. Library use. Under direction of library.
 - a. Lectures.
 1. Lectures.
 2. Concerts.
 3. Picture shows.
 - b. Children's work.
 1. Story hour.
 2. Games.
 3. Study classes.
 - c. Social occasions. Library as entertainer.

Holidays, receptions, parties, etc.
 - d. Exhibits.
2. Community use.
 - a. Free?
 - b. Fee charged—on what basis?
 1. Overhead charge for each meeting.
 2. Voluntary contribution.
 3. Regular dues for organizations.
 - c. Should any organization using the room be allowed to charge admission?
 - d. Class of meetings allowed.
 1. Clubs:

Parent-teachers.
Domestic Science.
Literary.
Business men's club.
 2. Lodges.
 3. Town or city boards and officers.
Commercial clubs.
 4. Political meetings.
Should library be used for any propaganda?
 5. Churches:

Committees.
Church organizations.
Social occasions.
 6. Exhibits—outside organizations:

Local art exhibits.
Health exhibits. Pure food exhibits, etc.
Better homes.
Better babies.
 7. Social entertainments:

Suppers.
Charity concerts, etc.
 8. Boy scouts and Camp-fire girls.

Rural Extension.

1. How many townships can be handled?
2. Kind and location of branches.
 - a. Where should they be located?
 - b. Branch buildings.
 3. Reading rooms.
 - d. Deposit stations.

3. Administration of branches.

- a. Librarian.
 1. Relation to staff of main library.
 - a. Should the librarian serve some time in the main library?
 - b. Should the assistants in the main library give service in the branch?
 - c. Compensation.

Where the librarian is also a storekeeper or postmaster, may compensation be based on circulation?
 - b. Transportation of books.
 1. Automobile service, either by a hired or by an owned automobile.
 2. Parcel post.
 - a. To stations.
 - b. To individuals (see e, 2; g, 4.)
- c. Records.
 1. At station.
 2. At library.
- d. Book selection for stations.
 1. Permanent collection at station.
 2. Books sent from main library.
 - a. Shall reference books be sent?
 3. Shall special purchases be made for stations or shall all purchases be made for main library and loaned from there?
 4. Shall individual books be sent to the stations on demand or only groups of books?
- e. Should there be direct service between the library and the individual?
 1. Telephone.
 2. Parcel post.
 - a. Should the library pay postage one or both ways?
 - b. Should the individual deposit to cover cost of postage?
 3. Should books be returnable at either the station or the library, regardless of where borrowed?
- f. The library building and the rural users.
 1. The auditorium.
 2. Should there be a separate rest room?
- g. Finance.
 1. How should the money received from the township be distributed?
 - a. What part is due to:
 1. The main library for administration.
 2. Administration expenses at stations.
 3. Books.
 4. Transportation, including postal charges on books.

Rural Extension—Continued.

2. Should one library budget be made for the total income from town and townships, or should a budget be made for the amount contributed by each township?
3. Should the library reserve any of the township fund for a sinking fund?
4. Is a library justified in serving rural districts free—without fee or tax?

Janitor and the Care of Building.

Qualifications of janitor.

Salary of janitor.

Hours—adjustment to larger uses of the assembly room.

Duties.

1. Assistant in extension work. Packing, etc.
2. Mending.

Janitor's supplies.

Library Survey.

1. Social survey of the town and township using the library.
 - a. Library should have complete up-to-date information about the locality, for reference.
 - b. For her own use, the librarian should have this information to know where the library is needed.
2. Registration by street or locality.
3. Classification of borrowers, by trades, professions, etc., as school children, farmers, mechanics, etc.
4. Is it possible in any systematic way for the library to keep track of the books read by the individual borrowers, with a view to influencing the choice of books and thereby helping fulfil the library's mission as a public educator?

The committee wishes to urge one other suggestion, which is not new but which can be made of great benefit to the librarians, especially to those of the smaller libraries. This suggestion is that each district form a professional reading club. Many libraries and librarians do not subscribe for "Public Libraries" or the "Library Journal", chiefly because they can not afford to. Besides these two general periodicals, there is other professional literature, such as commission publications and books that every librarian would benefit by reading. A small annual fee from each library employee in a district would make this literature available to all, after the manner of a magazine club.

In addition to this cooperative subscription, definite reading programs could be arranged, with time provided at each district meeting for discussion of this reading.

Certain books which might be suggested for this year's programs are: Antrim, *The County Library*; Olcott, *Good stories for great holidays*, *The children's reading*, *Story telling poems*; Bostwick, *The relationship between the library and the public schools*; Ward, *Practical use of books and libraries*. New edition; Wyer, *Government documents in small libraries*. New edition, 1914.

One final suggestion is in regard to the number of meetings held by each district. The constitution of the Library Association specifies at least one a year. The committee would gladly see each district hold at least two meetings. Several of the districts have reached and even exceeded this standard. Two reasons, at least, clearly seem to have deterred some districts from meeting oftener: difficulty in finding an easily accessible meeting place and fear of social obligations connected with the meetings. Without doubt, still further changes need to be made in the assigning of libraries to districts. These changes can be easily made if the libraries or district secretaries will notify the Committee. The matter of entertaining was discussed at the State Meeting. District meetings are professional meetings, and, though there is properly a social atmosphere when friends meet, there should be no attempt on the part of the host to furnish refreshments or entertainment. Unquestionably, such hospitality adds much to the pleasure of the meetings, but the expressed opinions of many librarians make as unquestionable the fact that many librarians whose boards are unwilling to pay for such entertainment and who themselves cannot afford to do so, feel it impossible to invite the district to meet with them. Either such entertaining should be entirely omitted or the district itself, if it so votes, should contribute towards the expense. Certainly no individual librarian or library board should allow its generous desire to be hospitable to embarrass other librarians whose natural hospitality may be as great but whose means are more limited.

INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION.

President, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville.

Vice-President, H. B. Pike, Clinton.

Secretary, Orville C. Pratt, Wabash.

Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Ross, Rensselaer.

Executive board:

Elba L. Branigin, Franklin.

Edmund L. Craig, Evansville.

Mrs. Newberry J. Howe, Delphi, and the officers.

The Sixth Annual meeting of the Indiana Library Trustees Association convened at the Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, on November 11, 1914, in joint session with the Indiana Library Association.

The first session was called to order at 11 a. m. by the President, Edmund L. Craig, of Evansville. Following the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting by the secretary, which were duly approved, Mrs. F. L. Swinehart, of Clinton, treasurer, made the following report:

Treasurer's Report.

Amount of funds received from former treasurer	\$14 38
1914 dues collected.....	65 00
Total	\$79 38
Expenses: Paid to Miss Dillon, official reporter, for services at 1913 meeting	\$13 00
Stationery, postage, etc.....	19 55
Total liabilities	32 55
Leaving balance in treasury.....	\$46 83

On motion this report was approved.

President Craig announced the following committees:

Committee on Nominations:

Mrs. A. D. Moffett, Elwood.

Ora L. Wildermuth, Gary.

Mrs. Sam Matthews, Tipton.

Committee on Resolutions:

Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Evansville.

Mrs. Frank Ross, Rensselaer.

H. B. Pike, Clinton.

The meeting was then adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Second Session. The entire afternoon session on Wednesday, November 11th, was devoted to the matter of library legislation. Judge Wildermuth, of Gary, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, gave a comprehensive report of the work of the committee in revising the uniform library bill, originally drafted two years ago but which failed to pass in the 1913 legislature. He reviewed carefully the changes made by the Committee, showing clearly that the intent of the bill is not to materially change the library laws of Indiana, but to codify the laws that already exist, thereby securing working uniformity among the libraries of our State.

Unfortunately, George A. Knoblock, of South Bend, was unable to be present to talk on "Library legislation from the standpoint of school board management". However, three representatives of school board libraries discussed this subject, led by Mrs. S. C. Stimson, of Terre Haute, who said theoretically she approved of the bill and believed the time was coming in Indiana when we want a general library law, but owing to peculiar local political conditions in her home city, she felt it would be utterly impossible until some method is assured in our State whereby the right kind of men may be chosen for office.

Miss Virginia Tutt, of South Bend, stated that in so far as the proposed bill was concerned, it contained no single point not already taken up by the governing body of their library, which is the School board. She admitted, however, she felt in some ways their board was different from the ordinary management by school boards. Miss Eliza Brown, librarian of the Indianapolis Public Library, spoke briefly, indicating the existence of similar conditions in Indianapolis.

Thomas R. Paxton, of Princeton, responded to the subject, "Library legislation from the standpoint of independent management", and in the discussion following, led by Mrs. A. D. Moffett, of Elwood, whose unceasing efforts in behalf of the uniform library law have brought her a State-wide knowledge of library conditions, she said: "We have about thirty libraries in the State of Indiana under school board management. One-third of this number is doing good library work, one-third poor library work, the remaining one-third being

simply school board libraries open to the public. I hold that the library is a bigger institution than the schools. Of course, we all know the schools are most important, but the schools have to do with people under twenty-one years of age, whereas the library reaches the entire community, including the schools".

Mr. J. N. Study, of Ft. Wayne, spoke briefly, calling attention to an article treating of the library in the administration of the city, appearing in the October number of the *National Municipal Review*.

Judge Wildermuth moved the report of the Legislative Committee on the bill, as proposed in general form, be approved, and the motion was seconded. This called forth some discussion, participated in by Thomas R. Paxton, Louis J. Bailey, of Gary, and Mrs. J. L. Dinwiddie, of Fowler. Owing to the late hour, Orville C. Pratt, of Wabash, moved that the preceding motion be postponed until the following day at 1:30 p.m., and be made a special order of business at that time. Said motion carried, and the session adjourned.

An Art exhibit and Tea, was held at the Propylaeum immediately following the Wednesday afternoon session. This courtesy was extended by the Picture Loan Committee of the Women's Department Club of Indianapolis, in honor of the visiting trustees and librarians, who were enthusiastic in their praise of the beautiful display of pictures by Indiana artists. It not only afforded a delightful entertainment, but undoubtedly stimulated the growing desire for art exhibits in connection with library work.

Wednesday Night. Joint Session. The Ball room of the Hotel Severin was filled, and all former attendance records far exceeded, when President Craig called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock p.m. In his address, he urged the key-note of the meeting, "Raising the standard", and make a strong plea for better service on the part of the trustee as well as the librarian. "The public library movement", he said, "as we know it today, really began with the opening of the first Carnegie library twenty-five years ago, and I predict that the next twenty-five years will see our library system as thoroughly organized and as efficiently managed as our public schools."

At the conclusion of his opening address,

President Craig introduced James Ingersoll Wyer, Jr., of Albany, New York, director of the New York State Library, who held the keen interest of his hearers for over an hour, while he talked on "Libraries versus luxuries". Having served in the capacity of librarian, library trustee and general public, Mr. Wyer knew whereof he spoke. From the librarian's standpoint, he said; "We love that inspiring service, satisfying, though inevitably slow in fruition, which has intimately to do with millions of foreignborn whom Europe has tossed into that astonishing experiment in democracy, our great American Melting Pot. We librarians thrill with the consciousness of having a potent hand in the stirring of the molten mass within the Pot, and an enduring satisfaction in knowing that when the hot metal shall be poured out into the waiting moulds of American citizenship and institutions, more gold and less dross, more light and less darkness, more knowledge and less ignorance, shall bear vital testimony to our work."

He said an income of one dollar per capita for the public library is not unreasonable, and advocated one of the best ways to get a dollar per capita is to run so good a library that the public will be glad to give it. In answer to the well-known objection against an increased library tax levy, "Taxes are already too high", he quoted statistical authorities showing an average total expenditures in the United States during the past three years for fermented and alcoholic liquors amounting to \$16.30 per capita, while tobacco-users spend each year a sum of money three times greater than the amount spent on our common school system.

Urging the need of cooperation on the part of trustee and librarian, he said, "Goethe says somewhere 'Be a whole or join a whole'. Now few, very few, of us can be a whole. Most are but parts, important but still parts. All of us, however, can join a whole, and for us this whole is the library association of our State and Nation. To these meetings each contributes something which another lacks, each gives a new view, and to these meetings both librarian and trustee should come because of the fact that fundamental to any successful and satisfactory library administration is the proper relationship and complete cordial understanding between trustees and librarian".

He said in closing: "Much more than money will be required to study out and solve the questions of library functions and adjustment. There must be a service fully equal in zeal, spirit and devotion to that which animated the pioneers who blazed the library way for us; fully equal to that which has so gloriously marked the past generation of library founding and extension. Without abating one jot of this enthusiasm but with far less of formal library machanics, there must be added to it a profounder social philosophy arising from a broader and deeper general education. That is why we are here, and that is why such meetings as this are increasingly important, nay indispensable. If we have joined the whole and become genuinely a part of it, we will be more than library-minded, we will be socially-minded. We must have a charity as broad as the race, grace and wisdom to keep our ranks united, our purpose high, and a blazing and indomitable assurance that through the ministry of the book we may serve as not the least of the forces for social regeneration".

Mr. Wyer's address was masterly, forceful, and most inspiring, and the burst of applause evidenced the deep appreciation of all.

An informal but delightful reception followed in the Mezzanine Parlor of the hotel. A special musical program was given by Miss Ruth Charlotte Bush, soprano, Miss Hazel Kramer, violin, and Miss Gladys Fitzpatrick, accompanist. Light refreshments were served on the east balcony.

Thursday Morning, Nov. 12, 1914. Joint Session. Was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by Miss Ethel F. McCollough, of Evansville, President of the Indiana Library Association. The following reports of Library Association committees were read:

Committee on Salaries, Vacations and Hours, by H. N. Sanborn, Chairman.

Report of Legislative Committee, by Louis J. Bailey, Chairman, who moved that the Indiana Library Association approve the spirit of the proposed library bill, as presented by the Committee, and instruct the Committee to duly consider any objections presented to it, and after action thereon to assist so far as possible in securing its passage at the next Legislature. Motion carried.

Under the symposium, "Focusing the Com-

munity's Interest on the Library", the following Librarians and assistants responded:

First.

"The tonic of dull business: What to do when the circulation runs low".

Miss Florence Jones, Indianapolis: "A collection of modern plays, conspicuously placed, has proven most popular."

Miss Laura E. Luttrell, North Manchester: "We asked local ministers to meet with our board. Put books in barber shops."

Miss Louise Randall, Whiting: "We have found newspapers most valuable, and the personal word a telling factor."

Miss Jennie Flexner, of the Louisville Public Library: "Preparedness seems to fill the bill. Keep the window boxes green, start the electric fans as soon as the weather gets hot, and make your library cool and inviting. Use your library buildings as civic centers. Make use of the newspapers to the extent that the reporters will make the 'beat' for library news."

Second.

"A Library Survey: How to make it, and why."

William Hepburn, of Purdue University: "Study the conditions of your library and make your library correspond to those conditions. One of the most important factors is efficiency—getting a clear and well-defined idea of your purpose. You must take a survey of the human resources in your community. You are working with human beings, and the books are your tools."

Third.

"Methods of extending the library to districts and classes not using it."

Miss Nannie W. Jayne, Bluffton: "We co-operate in every way possible with the schools. Our library is open to every student in high school, no matter from what town or township he may come. We have put in a course of required reading. These books are kept at the library, and credit is given the student in his high school course for this reading."

Fourth.

"On the method of extending the library to the business men of the community."

Miss Ada McCormick, Ft. Wayne: "The successful business man recognizes he must have a stock of goods that the people want. He must let them know he has it. He must treat them courteously when they come to his place of business, make them feel welcome and at home."

"The public library must act on these three principles. You must keep a stock of books that the business man needs and wants. Not what the librarian or book committee thinks he needs or should want, but what they know he wants."

Fifth.

"How to extend the library to woman's clubs and organizations of that kind."

Mrs. Sallie C. Hughes, Terre Haute: "By giving them a special drawer in the library where all club material is kept for their especial use."

Sixth.

"The Trustees' part in extending the use of the library."

Elba L. Branigin, Franklin Public Library:

"At Franklin we absolutely insist on good looks as an aid to the extension of the library. Good looks have a lot to do with the extension of the influence of the library among the class of that uncertain age between high school and matrimony. At Franklin we choose a librarian away from town—not because we have not the smartest or best-looking people living there, but like the fishermen, we want 'fresh bait.'"

Orville C. Pratt, Wabash Public Library, in discussing this subject stated the first essential in extending the use of the library is for the trustee himself to absorb the modern point of view, with reference to the mission of the modern public library. He must realize, first, that the library is no longer a place for the collection of books, but that it is the library's business to carry those books to the community. Secondly, the library trustee must do what he can to make possible sufficient funds for the library to perform this mission, and should actively back up any extension work undertaken by the librarian.

Seventh.

"Constructive work of the library."

Miss Jenette Reid Tandy, Kendallville Public Library: "Through the constructive activities of the library we are gradually working into a new relation between the library and the people. Be hospitable, welcome the public when they visit the library."

Henry N. Sanborn, Secretary of the Public Library Commission of Indiana, gave an interesting talk on the "Essentials of a good library building." The first essential is to select a lot that is near the school and near the center of town if possible. Then choose an architect who has had experience in library

buildings, and to these first two essentials is the third and greatest, that of choosing your building.

This subject was discussed by C. A. Reeve, Trustee of the Plymouth Library, and by Mrs. Dessie G. Hershey, Trustee of the Carmel Library, both of whom represent library boards that have recently completed new and attractive buildings.

Thursday Afternoon. Joint Session.—The Joint Session of the Indiana Library Trustees' Association for the transaction of some unfinished business. Before proceeding with the postponed legislative matters, a communication was read by the secretary from Mrs. S. A. Wrigley, former librarian of the Morrison-Reeves Library of Richmond, Indiana, urging uniformity in library laws and suggesting that the new bill contain a pension clause. Communications were also read from T. F. Fitzgibbon, of Columbus, and Henry B. Heller, of Decatur, who were unable to be present and appear on the program.

The postponed motion of the previous day, in the matter of the approval by the Association of the proposed library law, as submitted by the Legislative Committee, was read by President Craig. Some remarks were made by Albert Baker, an attorney of Indianapolis, who represented the Indianapolis School Board, Judge Wildermuth, J. N. Study, and Mrs. Moffet, at the conclusion of which President Craig put the motion, which carried by an overwhelming majority, there being but three dissenting votes.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by H. B. Pike:

"Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Indiana Library Trustees' Association be extended to the officers and committees for their effective service during the past year, and that special commendation be made for the services of Miss Adah Elizabeth Bush, who has so effectively served our Association for the past three years; and

"Resolved, That the thanks of our Association also be extended to those who have contributed to the interest of the program of this session, particularly to Mr. James I. Wyer, Jr., for his excellent and most beneficial address, and to the Indiana Library Association, who made it possible for Mr. Wyer to be with us; to the Committee on Local Arrangements, and to the Press of Indianapolis; and

"Resolved, That the Association heartily indorse this joint meeting with the Indiana Library Association, and recommend that such joint meetings be continued..

"Respectfully submitted,
 "MRS. W. R. DAVIDSON,
 "MRS. ORA T. ROSS,
 "H. B. PIKE."

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

We recommend the following nominations:
 For President, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connorsville.

For Vice-President, H. B. Pike, Clinton.

For Secretary, Orville C. Pratt, Wabash.

For Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Ross, Rensselaer.

On motion, duly seconded, both reports were duly approved.

With Miss Ethel F. McCollough presiding, the regular program of the afternoon was taken up. Under the general subject of

"Books of 1913-1914: Ten Books for First Purchase,"

W. M. Hepburn handled "Agriculture."

Mabel Tinkham, of Gary, "Engineering and Chemical Technology."

Anna C. Keating, Indiana State Normal School, "Vocational Training."

Ada M. McCormick, Ft. Wayne, "Business."

Demarchus C. Brown, State Librarian, "Poetry."

Miss Annette L. Clark, of New Albany, "New Theology."

Miss Sara Sheerin, Indianapolis, "Juveniles."

Through the courtesy of W. K. Stewart Company, the ten books on each subject under discussion were on display during the entire meeting.

"Value of cooperation among trustees," by Mrs. A. D. Moffett, of Elwood, disclosed the fact that such cooperation is indeed valuable when it can be secured. She said, "The board of trustees that is discerning enough to have a thoroughly trained and otherwise capable librarian will cooperate among themselves and, in a degree at least, with other trustees for the general good. They will attend the Association meetings to tell the other fellow what he lacks and how to get it, and the most valuable idea that other fellow will carry away will be his need of the most necessary asset of a library, after the books—a most competent

librarian who has been fitted into the right niche."

H. B. Pike, Trustee of the Clinton Public Library, discussed the subject.

On the subject of "State Progress," Miss Carrie E. Scott, of the Public Library Commission staff, said, "The best indication that we are keeping step is the increased attendance of the librarians and trustees at these meetings. The best way to raise the standard is to make it easier for the people to get books."

"Plans for the Centennial" was the subject assigned to Harlow Lindley, Librarian of the Earlham College Library. He said one of the things hoped for was that the State of Indiana might celebrate its first one hundred years by the erection of a permanent home for the things of the past, but this is not possible for the present. However, he advocated that one way to celebrate our one hundredth anniversary would be to start a campaign along the line of civic training. "The greatest asset of the State is an educated citizenship. Our public schools are a great agency, but they are not meeting the problem of civic education as it should be met. I commend the possibilities of pageantry. It has an educational as well as a historical value, but the chief value is that those engaged in it live the past. There will never be a time within a hundred years when as much can be accomplished as can be done in the next year or two. If we have any State pride at all, let us get busy and do something." This ended the program, and after completing the business of the Indiana Library Association, the meeting was adjourned.

This joint meeting with the librarians proved most interesting, and if attendance and enthusiasm make for success, then the 1914 meeting will go on record as being the most successful meeting our Association has ever held.

ADAH ELIZABETH BUSH, Secretary.

"There is no question that the vast reading public created during the last half century is the result of the multiplication of public libraries rather than the outcome of the extension of elementary education.

INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 1913.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Indiana Library Association was held on the 13th floor of the Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, November 11-12. In spite of bad omens it was the largest gathering the Association had ever experienced. Fully 200 librarians and 100 trustees were in attendance besides many others who announced themselves as friends of the Associations. With the exception of the Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions all the meetings of the Indiana Trustees' Association and those of the Indiana Library Association were joint gatherings.

The crowning point of this unusually inspiring and well attended convention was the address on Wednesday night given by Mr. James I. Wyer, Director of the New York State Library at Albany. "Libraries versus Luxuries" was the subject of Mr. Wyer's address. He divided his talk in three parts, advice to the librarian, to the trustee and to the public. He laid great emphasis on the necessity of the librarians and trustees attending the association meetings. He said that to the librarian these meetings were the very health of their business existence, and that it was absolutely necessary that there be a complete understanding between trustees and librarians. That the ideal trustee is the active business or professional man, widely acquainted in his city, who is open-minded, free from prejudice and from political pledge, competent to pick a librarian and then leave her to manage the library. He added that if the board takes on itself the business of the library it gives the librarian the appearance of mediocrity to the public. The day of the public library is not now a luxury, but is an absolute necessity for the advancement of the public. Politics should not be allowed to enter into library and school life and on no account should the work of a political machine enter into its government. Some say that politics do not enter into it, but no sooner is a library vacancy announced than dozens of candidates are after the position, most of them giving as their reference family position, political pull, and in fact every other thing except their qualifications as a librarian. One dollar per capita is not too much to be given to a library, and the way

to get this is to run such a good library that people will be glad to pay it. Mr. Wyer cited the amount of money spent on liquors, soda, chewing gum and movies, and said that no country that spent as much as we do on luxuries has any right to question the right to establish more schools and libraries.

Following the address a reception was held on the parlor floor of the hotel. During the evening the guests enjoyed a musical program given by Miss Ruth Charlotte Bush, Miss Hazel Kramer, violinist, and Miss Gladys Fitzpatrick, pianist.

Among the many pleasant social affairs which were crowded between sessions the most brilliant and delightful was the dinner given in the large dining hall of the Severin on Wednesday night by the alumni of the Albany Library School in honor of Mr. Wyer. Some sixty guests were present and the honor guest was presented with a copy of Meredith Nicholson's "The Poet."

At noon on Wednesday thirty-two of the trustees and librarians of the Ohio River valley met in the Severin at luncheon. Poems to the Ohio river by Miss Carleton of New Albany, row-boats and dainty place cards depicting valley views added to the prettiness of the table decorations. Mr. Jacob P. Dunn, whose ancient Hoosier lineage carries him back to the old town of Lawrenceburg, presided as toastmaster.

The art exhibit and tea given by the Picture Loan Committee of the Indiana Federation of Clubs in the East Parlor of the Propylaeum was quite generally attended and proved a most delightful bit of relaxation in a crowded day. The paintings exhibited were by Martinus Anderson, Simon Baus, Jay Connaway, William Forsythe, M. C. Gray, Carl C. Graf, Emma B. King, R. T. Kohlman, A. R. Kohlman, Flora Lauter, Dorothy Morlan, Louis Mueller, Otto Stark, T. C. Steele, Clifton Wheeler, Lucy B. Willson, and Frederick Polley—all artists of Indiana, and their canvases were for sale or rent.

Several of the library districts enjoyed little gatherings at noon Thursday, some in quiet corners of the hotel and others over luncheon tables.

The Stock and Methods Exhibit and the Exhibit from the Bureau of Education, both of

which were on display in the assembly hall of the hotel, added much to the instructiveness of the meetings.

The Democrat Printing Company displayed samples of its wares in the entrance hall to the assembly room. Miss Spencer of Madison, Wisconsin, was in charge of the display.

Mr. Hawes of the Library Bureau Company was in constant attendance at the various meetings

Wednesday Morning, Nov. 11, 1914.

The Wednesday morning business meeting was called to order by the president of the Indiana Library Association, Miss Ethel McCollough of the Evansville Public Library.

The minutes of the 1913 meeting were read and approved. It was as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Indiana Library Association met in the Public Library Commission rooms, State House, Indianapolis, Monday, March 16th, at 10 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Miss Ethel McCollough. Those present were Miss McCollough, Mr. Henry N. Sanborn, Miss Carrie E. Scott, Miss Henriette Scranton, and Miss Gertrude Thiebaud.

The business of the Committee was to plan for the annual meeting of the Association. It was decided to hold the 1914 meeting at the same time the Indiana Trustees' Association holds its meeting, which will be on November 11-12. With the help of the Public Library Commission a tentative program was worked out. It was as follows:

November 11.

Morning.

Committee meetings (Trustees and librarian. Afternoon.

Short business meeting.

Round table—

College librarians.

Assistant librarians.

Trustees and Trustees business session.

Night. Joint session (Trustees and librarians) with some outside speaker for the evening. It was decided to ask the Trustees' Association to help with expense of the evening speaker.

November 12.

Morning.

Joint session (Trustees and Librarians).

Afternoon.

Business of State Association.

The following committees were appointed:

Legislative Committee. (The function of this committee is to work with I. T. A. legislative committee for a new library bill.)

Mr. Bailey, Gary.

Mr. Hepburn, LaFayette.

Mr. Jenkins, Bloomington.

Publicity Committee. (The function of this committee is to round up as big a crowd as possible at the November meeting.)

Mr. Sanborn, Indianapolis.

Mr. Lapp, Indianapolis.

Miss Mayme Snipes, Plainfield.

Local Arrangements Committee. (The function of this committee is to see to the printing of programs and to select some Indianapolis hotel which offers rates within the reach of Indiana librarians and which will supply a suitable assembly hall in which the meetings of the Association may be held.)

Mr. D. C. Brown, Indianapolis.

Miss Eliza Browning, Indianapolis.

Miss Ethel Cleland, Indianapolis.

Miss Carrie E. Scott, Indianapolis.

The following bills were allowed:

Gary Public Library.....	\$2.40
Herbert-Journal Printing Co., Evansville.....	4.25

It was agreed to send to the A. L. A. \$10.00 for the Leipzig Exhibit, and to secure for the November meeting from the Bureau of Education the Educational Exhibit, which had been on display at the A. L. A. in Washington.

GERTRUDE THIEBAUD,

Secretary.

The Executive Committee of the I. L. A. met in the Hotel Severin Wednesday morning, November 11, 1914, and the following bills were allowed:

Ethel McCollough	\$9.58
Alice Stevens	5.00
Miller-Wallick, Peru	1.25
Gertrude Thiebaud	6.35
Postage and programs.....	2.25
Refreshments	
Mr. Wyer's expenses.....	
Educational Exhibit.....	

GERTRUDE THIEBAUD,

Secretary.

It was decided that the report of the Committee on salaries, vacations and hours should be deferred until the joint session of trustees and librarians which would meet on Thursday morning.

The chair was instructed to appoint a Committee on Resolutions and an Auditing Committee.

Miss Orpha Peters, Gary; Miss Bessie Caldwell, Martinsville; Miss Ticer, Huntington, were named to serve on the Committee on Resolutions.

For the Auditing Committee, Miss Kirkpatrick of Kentland, Miss McCormack of Ft. Wayne, Miss Cleland of Indianapolis, were selected.

A discussion followed as to the advisability of a tri-state meeting for 1916 with the place of meeting at French Lick. No conclusion was reached.

The meeting adjourned through the motion of Mr. Hepburn.

Wednesday Afternoon, November 11.

On Wednesday afternoon there were three separate and distinct round tables. Of the Trustees' Round Table we give no report.

The College and Reference librarians' round table was in charge of Miss Alice M. Dougan of Purdue University and the program was as follows:

Extension work of Indiana and its relation to the librarians of the State.—J. T. Pettijohn, Director Extension Division, Indiana University.

The Bulletin of the Public Affairs Information Service.—Miss Ethel Cleland, Bureau of Legislative Information, Indianapolis.

Debating, club work and reference work by mail.—Miss Mary H. Roberts, State Library, Indianapolis.

Possibilities of historical reference material in the State archives.—Mr. Harlow Lindley, Librarian, Earlham College.

Reference work in a Manual Training High School.—Miss Clara Hadley, Librarian Manual Training High School, Indianapolis.

Helping students.—Miss Margaret Gilmore, Assistant librarian, De Pauw University.

Student assistants.—Miss Alice M. Dougan, Purdue University.

Through a misunderstanding, Mr. Pettijohn was not present and it is hoped that his paper will appear in one of the library journals. Miss Cleland spoke of the Bulletin for the Public information service. The State Library subscribes for this and other libraries in the State may use it through the State Library. It contains the latest information regarding legislative and municipal affairs. The State Library has recently begun a list of associations and their publications. This list will also prove of value to the small library. Miss Roberts discussed the work of the State Library in regard to debate material, club work and reference work by post. Through the parcel post books and other material may be cheaply and quickly sent to all parts of the State. Available material consists of books, newspaper clippings, lists of club programs, etc. The suggestion was made that application for assistance should be made as early as possible and that a second choice of subject should be given, as it often happens that the material desired is in use and therefore not available. Mr. Lindley's account of the his-

torical department of the State Library was especially interesting. It can no longer be said that Wisconsin has a better collection of historical material concerning Indiana than Indiana has at the present time. The department aims to keep a complete file of one newspaper from each county in the State, to have copies of every book written about Indiana or written by a resident of Indiana. Manuscript copies of documents, letters, diaries, etc., having any bearing upon Indiana are desired. The State Library also keeps lists of rare historical material in other libraries, and desires the co-operation of other libraries of the State regarding such material.

Reference work in a manual training high school was the topic discussed by Miss Hadley. She spoke of the great interest taken by the pupils in the library. The aim is to get books which the pupils will use and several were suggested.

Upon the subject of helping students Miss Gilmore brought out the idea that a little timely help often enables a student to do reference work himself and makes him more independent.

A difference of opinion was called forth by the general discussion regarding student assistants, mainly due to different conditions in libraries. Better pay for more efficient assistants was a point well taken.

The round table for library assistants was in charge of Miss Elsie McKay of the Evansville Public Library. The program was opened by Miss Orpha Peters of Gary. Her subject was "Raising the Standard." Miss Peters emphasized the need of professional study, professional reading and professional interest. She spoke of the value of preparation and gave as a reason why this is more essential now than it was a few years ago the fact that older libraries have gained their ground through experience and that for the younger generation library training is a short cut to knowledge. This training gives one a different attitude toward the work and toward people and a broader interpretation of the wonderful possibilities in the work. Miss Peters said that to progress it is necessary to keep in touch with what is being done in one's own line of work—to read the library periodicals and books of a more serious nature. The fiction reading will take care of itself. In the line of professional interest she accented the value of attendance, whenever possible, at library meetings and added that every person who has a permanent position on a library staff should belong to the I. L. A. Miss Cerene Ohr, of the Indianapolis Public Library, in speaking on what an assistant may expect of a librarian, said that the librarian to whom his staff turn in any serious perplexity for advice, who has the gift of dealing with his staff with such transparent honesty that they

have no feeling of hesitancy in seeking an opportunity to discuss their work on even terms without running the risk of being misunderstood, is pretty apt to receive more effort than the contract calls for and is sure of devoted service in time of need. The librarian, said Miss Ohr, is the business manager, the head of the concern; the assistant is the medium between the public and the librarian. She is in daily contact with the patrons of the library. She hears their praise, their blame, their criticisms of all kinds; she is therefore in a position to become acquainted with their needs and demands and should have the sympathy and ready co-operation of the librarian in the endeavor to anticipate these demands.

"To what extent is the assistant responsible for the influence of the library?" was discussed by Miss Ruth Adamson of the Montrose Branch Library of Terre Haute. Miss Adamson recalled that the old-time idea was that the assistant need not have training, as her duties were purely mechanical; but today it is the attendant who teaches the public to use the library efficiently and to the best advantage. Upon her ability to please and to serve the public depends the reputation of the library.

Miss Lelah Trees of Kokomo Public Library responded in a most delightful way to her topic, "Getting the customer's point of view on your service."

Miss Vivian Ream of the Peru Public Library gave a practical talk on "Keeping work within reach." She emphasized the value of improving spare moments at the loan desk and having the personal desks of the assistants in a small library so placed and equipped as to save steps and time.

Miss Peck of the Ft. Wayne Public Library in discussing "Staff team work" arranged the library staff upon the baseball diamond, calling attention to the fact that in watching a game everyone has noticed the unity of purpose with which the members of the team play—that there is just one idea in the mind of every player and that is—win the game. Miss Peck pointed out that the ultimate goal in library work should be efficient service to the public and that before reaching this goal there were other bases to be touched by the members of the library team. Among these she accented "Loyalty" and "Co-operation."

Miss Laila A. Jones of the Evansville Public Library gave some helpful suggestions on "Hours of desk service."

Thursday Morning, November 12.

The Thursday morning session was called to order by the president at 9:30. Announcements were made as to where the several districts would meet or lunch during the noon

hour. Attention was called to the paying of dues, to registering, to the book exhibit of the W. K. Stewart Company, to the exhibit of the Bureau of Education, and to the Stock and Methods display.

The names of the members serving on the Auditing Committee and on the Committee on Resolutions were read. Mr. Sanborn, as chairman of the Committee on Salaries, Vacations and Hours, submitted a report which will be printed in full in the biennial report of the Public Library Commission. Mr. Bailey of Gary, as chairman of the Committee on Library legislation, read the following portion of a report submitted to the I. T. A. as a tentative outline for a librarian's licensing bill:

It shall be limited to cities of a valuation of one million dollars or more, and only to librarians appointed on and after August 1, 1915.

There shall be a board of Library Examiners appointed by the Public Library Commission, whose duty it shall be to establish grades, hold examinations and accredit library schools. There shall be appointed four such examiners, firstly for one, two, three and four years, respectively, and thereafter each for a term of four years. The Secretary of the Public Library Commission shall be a member and act as secretary of the Board.

Members of the Board shall receive no salary, but shall have traveling expenses paid from the funds of the Public Library Commission.

The different sections of the State, and the different kinds of library service shall be represented so far as possible in the selection of the board members.

It should provide definitely that the Public Library Commission shall establish and maintain such classes for instruction in library science as shall be deemed necessary and for which funds permit.

Miss Orpha Peters moved that the I. L. A. approve the spirit of the proposed library bill as presented by the committee and instruct the committee to consider duly any objection presented to it and after action thereon to assist, so far as it can by advice and action, in securing its passage by the next Legislature. There was a second to this motion and it was carried.

LIBRARY OCCURRENT

Mr. Bailey announced that the Committee desires the co-operation of everyone in the State and their suggestions.

For the rest of the report of the morning's meeting, see the report of the Trustees' meeting.

Following the program of the afternoon, Miss Alice Stevens read the treasurer's report, which was as follows:

Report of Treasurer, November 11, 1914.

Balance on hand general fund,	
Oct. 16, 1914.....	\$325.82
Received dues 1911.....	\$1.00
Received dues 1912.....	1.00
Received dues 1913.....	7.00
Received dues 1914 (librarians).....	100.00
Received dues 1194 (libraries).....	38.00
Fees from new members.....	8.00
Overpayment50
	<hr/> 153.50
Total	\$479.32
Life membership, October	
16.....	\$10.00
Interest57
	<hr/> \$10.57

Expenditures.

Oct. 16. L. J. Bailey Express	
and postage.....	\$16.72
Miss Gottlieb, S. S.	
Al. banquet.....	1.85
Miss Mason. Postage	2.32
Miss Alice Stevens.	
Postage	4.00
Oct. 21. Gary Printing Co.	
Slips and envelopes.	9.00
Logan Esary. Ex-	
penses, Marion meet-	
ing	7.58
C. P. Burton. Ex-	
penses	12.05
Oct. 22. Elm Tree Press. Hand-	
book	135.50
Jan. 26. Frank M. Bates. Ex-	
penses, Marion meet-	
ing	5.92
Mar. 5. Draft A. L. A.....	13.20
Mar. 28. Herbert Journal Print-	
ing Co. Envelopes..	4.25
L. J. Bailey. Mailing	
handbook	2.40

Draft F. P. Hill. Leip-
sic exhibit\$10.00

Oct. 6. Refund overpayment.	
Mary E Wilker.....	.50
	<hr/> \$225.39
Balance	253.93
	<hr/> \$479.32

Membership Reort.

Members at last report.....	162
Lost by death—	
Miss Bessie King Tillman }	
Miss Helen Davis }	2
Lost by removal from the state.....	6
Dropped	22
New members added.....	148

Respectfully submitted,

Alice D. Stevens,
Treasurer.

Delia Kirkpatrick,

Chairman Auditing Committee.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Henry Sanborn as chairman of the District Meetings Committee submitted the following report:

Report of Committee on District Meetings.

For the year of 1913-1914, the Committee on District Meetings prepared for the work of the winter an outline on Efficiency in Library Administration, with a view to some definite program of discussion. The sections on the purchasing end of the library business and the distributing end of the library business were most popular.

Because of the poor railroad connections, making meetings difficult, Districts H and J have been united. Some further changes in the districting may be necessary. Eight of the nine districts held thirteen meetings as follows:

- District A held three meetings.
- District B held two meetings.
- District C held two meetings.
- District D held one meeting.
- District E held one meeting.
- District F held no meetings.
- District G held one meeting.
- District H held one meeting.
- District I held two meetings.

Several of the districts held luncheons during the state meeting.

HENRY N. SANBORN,
Chairman.

The report was accepted and placed on file.

Miss Orpha Peters of Gary, as chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read the following report, which was accepted:

"The Committee on Resolutions recommends the following for your adoption:

"Resolved, That the Indiana Library Association extend hearty thanks to Mr. Wyer of the New York State Library for his most excellent address; to Miss Flexner of Louisville, Ky., for the many helpful ideas presented; to Miss Bush, Miss Kramer and Miss Fitzpatrick for the delightful program rendered at the reception. To the Picture Loan Committee of the Woman's Department of Clubs for their courtesy in extending to us the privilege of seeing the pictures and enjoying the social hour with them. To the local papers for the publicity given the proceedings of the Association while in session here. To the officers of the Association, the local committee and to all others who have in any way aided in making this meeting so interesting and helpful.

O. M. PETERS,

W. F. TIGER,

B. CALDWELL,

Committee.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following:

The Nominating Committee presents for the consideration of the convention the following list of officers for the coming year:

President, Miss Nannie Jaynes.

Vice-President, Mr. Harlow Lindley.

Secretary, Miss Anne C. Keating.

Treasurer, Miss Mary H. Roberts.

Alternate to A. L. A. convention, Mr. Henry Sanborn.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET WADE,

ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM,

ANNETTE CLARK,

Committee.

The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for the persons nominated.

Mr. Bailey invited the Association to Gary for the next annual meeting. The President added that the acceptance of the invitation rested with the Executive Committee, and she hoped the Committee would take us to Gary. Mr. Demarchus C. Brown urged all Indiana librarians to help in advertising the need of a place to house the Indiana State Library. Miss Peters, as chairman of the Resolutions Committee, made the following motion:

"I move that the members of this Association be urged on all occasions to request the members of the Legislature to provide some means for the growth of the Indiana State Library and that the Executive Committee of this Association be authorized to assist the State Librarian as far as it can, in creating sentiment for providing means for this institution."

The resolution was carried.

Also it was agreed that the present Legislative Committee be continued.

The meeting adjourned.

GERTRUDE THIEBAUD,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE INDIANA STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 10:00 a. m.

The library section of the Indiana State Teachers' Association met in the Teachers' room, Shortridge High School, Thursday morning, October 29, at 10 o'clock. The room was filled with teachers and librarians, each eager to co-operate in making the library a success in his community. The keynote of this meeting was the "Public library service to the public schools."

The discussion of the first topic, "The Public Library and Public Schools as a Mutual Help," was led by Miss Annie Klingensmith, Assistant Superintendent Gary Public Schools. Miss Klingensmith explained the Gary library system. All library work at Gary is under the management of the public library. Thousands of supplementary reading books, thousands of pictures, singing books for kindergartens, technical books are furnished the schools by the

library. Branch libraries are established in the school buildings, exhibitions of school work are held in the library. School children are brought by classes to the library and instruction in the use of the library is given to the High School students and pupils of the upper grades. The public school is the best publicity agent for the public library. The book circulation for adults and children is greatly increased by the acquaintance of the school children with the library. The public library does a great work for the public schools and is in turn greatly benefited by this co-operation.

Mrs. Sallie C. Hughes, librarian of the Emiline Fairbanks Memorial Library, read a very interesting paper on "How to Better Interest the Public in a More Extensive Use of the Public Library." Mrs. Hughes showed how this greater interest could be developed by the librarian through the use of the press, by making the library building an attractive place, by having a library staff that is competent and harmonious, by getting the good will of the public through efficient service. Exhibits, concerts, lectures at the library help to make it known to the public. Through all these means the public library can be made a factor for happiness, order and prosperity in the community.

The last topic for consideration was "should the city library maintain branch libraries in the public schools?" This was led by Miss Effie Roberts, librarian of the public library at Wabash, Indiana. Miss Roberts, in her talk emphasized the fact that the public library has great difficulty in competing with the allurements of the street. The boy is much more apt to read if he can conveniently get a book at a school library deposit station than if he is compelled to come half way across the city to the public library for one. She showed that it is very necessary for the public library to establish stations at schools too far removed for children to visit the library. Cases for the books can be made in the manual training department of the school. The library and school can co-operate in getting books to all the people of the community.

The general discussions on all these questions were interesting and valuable.

The following officers of this section were elected: President, Louis J. Bailey, librarian Gary Public Library; Vice-President, Jane Dunlap, Richmond, Indiana; Secretary, Cerene Ohr, school reference librarian, Indianapolis Public library.

By a vote of the majority, it was decided to have the program next year devoted to the needs of the smaller school libraries.

CARRIE E. SCOTT,
Secretary pro tem.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

District A.

District A met in the beautiful new public library building at Plymouth on June 18th. Seven libraries were represented by thirteen people—librarians and assistant librarians. The town of Culver sent a delegation of five to learn how to start a library and we were very glad to have Mrs. Earl of the Public Library Commission with us. Reports of the A. L. A. Conference at Washington were given by Miss Tutt, Miss Gottlieb, Mrs. Earl and others. Township extension and taxation was discussed. Duties of trustees and librarians occupied some time. Inspection and approval of the new building followed. The meeting adjourned to meet at Whiting in November. The libraries in this district are all flourishing and serving the public with zeal.

MRS. JENNIE B. JESSUP,
Secretary.

District A.

District A met in the public library at South Bend November 17, 1914. Librarians from Gary, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Plymouth, Notre Dame, Elkhart and LaPorte were present. By great fortune, Mr. Sanborn of the Public Library Commission was also in attendance.

Mr. Bailey talked of the Young People's Reading Circle which the State Board of Education has had for a number of years. The question whether libraries should have something similar was discussed, but no decision reached. All were of the opinion that all help

possible should be given the young people, as well as the older residents.

Township extension was generally favored and reduced post rates hoped for.

The meeting adjourned to meet in February.

MRS. JENNIE B. JESSUP,
Secretary.

District B.

A meeting of District B was held in the Earl Park Library October 19, 1914. Miss Colescott of the Fowler library spoke on the location and equipment of a library, and Miss Brumbaugh of the Frankfort library gave a talk on the use of auditoriums and clubrooms. A paper on the organization and work of the library board, written by Miss Rinehart of Delphi, was read by the secretary. An informal discussion on various library problems followed.

Although the attendance was small, the meeting was exceedingly helpful and sociable.

DELIA KIRKPATRICK,
Secretary.

District I.

The fifth meeting of District I of the Indiana Library Association met at the West Side Library, Evansville, Ind., at 1:30 p. m., October 30, 1914.

The subject selected for discussion was Building and equipment of libraries. Mrs. Isley, of Boonville, who is especially interested in this subject, as her town is to have a new library building, asked for information on general furnishing, which was answered by Miss McCollough from her recent experience in equipping their new colored library in Evansville. The latter also led a discussion on equipment for office and workroom in libraries.

Miss Aydelotte, of the Mt. Vernon Alexander Library, gave some excellent reasons for having clubrooms, lecture halls, etc., in a library building.

A short time was given to a talk by Miss McCollough and others on the state meeting to be held the following week at Indianapolis. Everyone was urged to attend, also to invite their trustees to be present.

Miss Mason, of Princeton, sent a request

that the next meeting of District I be held in her library.

Adjournment followed this pleasant session and tea was served in the lecture room by the library and attendants.

MRS. NORA C. FRETAGEOT,
Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS.

Drama League of America. Educational Department. Course I. A course in modern drama, based upon plays printed at seventy-five cents or less a copy.

This little pamphlet should be of real use to librarians who wish to help clubs to read and study the modern drama. Twenty-four plays have been chosen for reading and study. Upon each play topics for prepared papers are given and also questions for informal discussion. There is also a general bibliography on the drama in general and the authors of the chosen plays.

This outline may be obtained from the Drama League of America, 733 Marquette Building, Chicago, for 25 cents.

Bostwick, A. E. Relationship between the library and the public schools: reprints. White Plains, N. Y. Wilson, \$1.35.

The papers here reprinted cover the history of opinion in regard to the relationship between the library and the schools for some forty years. They were written by persons prominent in library work and they furnish valuable information and suggestion to librarians and teachers.

Olcott, Frances Jenkins, ed. Good stories for great holidays. Houghton, 1914. 461 p. illus. \$2.00 net.

This compilation by Miss Olcott will be found most useful in supplying appropriate stories for the holidays of the year. All the holidays are provided for with interesting stories arranged especially for story-telling and for the child's own reading. The book is well bound, beautifully illustrated and well indexed by author, subject, and title. It also includes reference lists for story-telling and collateral reading.

Catholic Encyclopedia. The Knights of Columbus special edition. N. Y. Encyclopedia Press.

The Catholic encyclopedia is one of the most valuable reference books a library can have. It has met the approval of Protestant clergymen and denominations everywhere. There is no attempt at Catholic propaganda, but the aim is merely to set forth the truth from the Catholic point of view. The Roman Catholic Church has been so closely in touch with the

great movements of civilization that the Encyclopedia contains a vast deal of information that can only with difficulty be obtained elsewhere.

The cash price of this offer—\$29 for 16 volumes, bound in cloth, is an unusual offer. If a library cannot afford this amount, it may well ask the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus to present the work to the library. This offer has been made to several libraries, and no library can afford to refuse such a gift.

